

2003 Current Fiscal Year Report: Giant Sequoia National Monument

Scientific Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2003

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Giant Sequoia National Monument Scientific Advisory Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

9552

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/02/2002

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Proclamation 7295

8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2003

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Proclamation 7295

13. Effective Date

04/15/2000

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

Yes

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

Report Title

07/01/2003

Advice for the Secretary of Agriculture about Management of the Giant Sequoia National Monument

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Finalize Board's comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument. Finalize Board's advisories to the Forest Service.

Start

End

03/12/2003 - 03/12/2003

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$1,354.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$4,164.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$884.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$9,402.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.02	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The board provides advice to the Secretary by consensus of its members in the development of a management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument. The eight board members, representing a range of scientific disciplines, including the physical, biological, and social sciences, visit the monument and meet approximately two-to-four times a year to discuss monument issues. Since its establishment the Board has issued 27 advisories useful in the development of the monument management plan

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members on the board represent a range of scientific disciplines, especially as outlined in the President's Proclamation. The Secretary, working with the National Academy of Sciences recommendations, selects members representing the necessary range of discipline and expertise to provide sound scientific advice.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

One meeting was held in this reporting period and two meetings were held last reporting period. The meeting for this year discussed Board's comments on the draft environmental impact statement for the Giant Sequoia Natinal Monument. Last year, the meetings were for the purpose of providing committee advice on proposed actions, significant issues, alternatives and environmental effects in the development of the draft environmental impact statement.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Proclamation 7295 establishing the Giant Sequoia National Monument directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a scientific advisory board to advise the Secretary on scientific issues during the development of the initial Giant Sequoia National Monument management plan.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are open.

21. Remarks

Advisory Board has completed its work.

Designated Federal Officer

Arthur L Gaffrey Forest Supervisor

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Clarke, Jeanne	08/02/2002	08/04/2002	Professor, U.of Arizona; political and social scientist; NAS member	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Graber, David	08/02/2002	08/02/2004	Wildland resource scientist; senior science advisor to Kings Canyon and Giant Sequoia NP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nissen, Karen	08/02/2002	08/02/2004	Archaeologist, representing Tule River Tribal Council and American Indian interests	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Piirto, Douglas	08/02/2002	08/02/2004	Professor, Natural Resources Management Department, California Polytechnic State U	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stephenson, Nathan	08/02/2002	08/02/2004	Fire ecologist; USGS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tormey, Daniel	08/02/2002	08/04/2002	Geologist and geochemist; consultant with ENTRIX, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Waggoner, Paul	08/02/2002	08/02/2004	Plant pathologist and climatologist at Conn. Ag. Experiment. Station; NAS member	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Woodwell, George	08/02/2002	08/02/2004	Forest science; Woods Hole Research Center; NAS member	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

This committee (Board) supports the agency's mission by providing scientific advice to the Forest Service during the development of the initial management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

☐

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

☐

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

☐

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

☐

Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

☐

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

5

Number of Recommendations Comments

Board provided a total for 27 advisories to the Forest Service over its 3-year tenure.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

60%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Board's recommendations come in the form of advice.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

All advisories have been considered during the development of the initial management

plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The environmental Impact Statement and management plan include references to the advisories use. All advisories are in an appendix for the EIS.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

NA